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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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School Principals
Mathematics and Science Centers

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

You and I know that great things are happening in Michigan schools every day. Every year, we have the opportunity, through the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), to call attention to some of the outstanding teachers who work with our students.

The State Board of Education and I encourage you to bring this recognition and the monetary award to your teachers and schools. Nomination information for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is now available on the PAEMST web site at: www.paemst.org

I encourage you to access this site to nominate excellent kindergarten through sixth grade mathematics and science teachers for this award. The nomination process can take as little as three minutes!

Highlights of the Award include:

- The 2008 award cycle is for elementary teachers who teach science or mathematics (K-6th grade teachers)
- The Presidential Award includes:
 - A **\$10,000** National Science Foundation grant **made directly to the awardee to be spent at her/his discretion.**
 - An expenses-paid trip for the awardee and a guest to Washington, D.C. to attend an awards ceremony; to receive a Presidential Citation; and to meet with leaders in government and education

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- **Teachers must be nominated** for the award. A supervisor, principal, colleague, parent, student, or member of the general public may nominate teachers. Teachers may also self-nominate. Nominees are **required to submit a videotaped lesson** as part of the application process.
- Directions for submitting applications are found online at www.paemst.org.

I also encourage you to place a link on your school/district's web site to the PAEMST web site (www.paemst.org), and include information about the award in your school newsletters and faculty bulletins.

Questions regarding this award program may be directed to Jean Shane at shanej@michigan.gov or 517.241.2375.

Please consider nominating the excellent elementary mathematics and science teachers you know for this prestigious award.

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